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The District's Surplus.

Under the strict terms of the organic act which provides for the present system of financing the District of Columbia a surplus of District revenues is impossible, inasmuch as in theory such revenues are raised only to cover one-half of the appropriations made by Congress, the other half being paid out of the United States Treasury. In practice, however, it has been found necessary to appropriate on the basis of the prospective revenues of the District, and heretofore, up to a certain point, Congress has matched the District's tax money dollar for dollar, with a few notable exceptions of organic act violations. Lately a tendency has prevailed to reverse the conditions so that the appropriations are made to fit with the prospective District revenues and to apply the surplus of local tax funds to extraordinary projects on a virtual cash basis and to the repayment of certain debts alleged against the District.

It is expected that there will be a surplus of District tax money after the appropriations for the next fiscal year are made, over and above all authorized expenditures for current maintenance and for the extinction of floating indebtedness. The Star has always regarded such a surplus as an anomaly and an injustice, for it is obvious to any student of District matters that the municipal needs are far from being met, and that as long as there is any legitimate need, either in the way of current maintenance or permanent improvement, every penny of District tax money should be expended, with a matching of federal money on the half-and-half basis.

If there is a surplus in the budget of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, it should be applied first to any floating indebtedness chargeable against the District. If then there should be a surplus, the money which Congress will not permit to be expended on the half-and-half basis should be, as is now tentatively proposed, invested in some manner to meet the District's half of the funded debt maturing in 1924. If any way is found whereby the debt, which now amounts roughly to six and a half millions, can be liquidated in whole or in part before the year of maturity, this use of the District's surplus will be especially advantageous, saving a large sum in interest. If, however, the bondholders insist upon their full term of investment, the District can at least be increasing its sinking fund more rapidly than the present ratio of appropriation permits, and will at some time in the comparatively near future stand fully ready to discharge its half of the debt under the law.

This suggestion of a method of disposing of the District's surplus is all subject, however, to the contention that there is no warrant whatever in the law or in the existing municipal conditions for the existence of such a surplus.

Street Developments.

That the possibilities of street development in this city have been only partially realized is indicated by the plans just set forth and in part inaugurated for the decorative treatment of the midstreet parkings. The particular scene of this improvement is Pennsylvania avenue between 4th and 6th streets southeast, where, as previously described in The Star, chains have been looped along the boulevard parkway to carry vines. It is easy to imagine the effect of such a decoration when it has developed through a season or two of growth. The rigid straight lines of the street will be broken into graceful curves and light screens of green will be trained to relieve the eye. As The Star suggested the other day respecting the midstreet parkings such as that recently started in Maryland avenue northeast, not enough consideration was given in the early stages of the city's planning and development to the utilization of the thoroughfares for other than strictly practical uses. Nothing adds more to the appearance of a city than a series of these central parks bisecting the thoroughfares and Washington might be the most attractive city of all America in this respect with some readjustments of the space. By taking a few feet off the sides now given to sidewalks and parkings and putting the space into midstreet grass and shrubbery, every part of the capital would be made exceptionally beautiful. This is the thought to be borne in mind as changes in curb lines are planned in future public works.

France has issued a "yellow book" on the causes of the war, which very nearly exhausts the chromatic scale in diplomatic publications.

Rumors of another presidential election of Mexico do not strain American credulity in the least.

The Republican Leaders.

A very warm welcome awaits Mr. Herrick. His friends think him of presidential size, and have launched a boom for him. They will tell him, singly and in chorus, that he is all right, and advise him to keep his eye on the gun.

But even if he should miss both first and second place on the republican national ticket, he would not be barred from important calculations. If the republicans return to power in 1917, where could a fitter man be found for either the State Department or the Treasury Department? He had achieved business success on a large scale before his opportunity as a diplomat came to him. He now ranks high in both the business and the diplomatic world.

Take then the case of Mr. Fairbanks. If he is not selected for a place on the national ticket and his party under other leadership wins, he would make

a good Secretary of State or Attorney General.

If Mr. Mann remains in the congressional field and his party sweeps the country he probably will not care for a cabinet post. For in that event he will succeed Mr. Clark in the speakership, and the republicans will be likely to restore the office to its former importance.

Gov. Whitman, missing a place on the national ticket, would make a capital Attorney General, while Mr. Justice Hughes would preside well over the State Department.

It is out of this survey of the situation that the full size of the reputation of the party is strong in its present leadership, and the leaders would serve well anywhere. All are good presidential timber and equally good cabinet timber.

Mr. Lincoln's first cabinet contained four men of first-class importance. One of them easily equal to the duties of the presidency, Seward, Chase, Stanton and Blair were a tower of strength to their chief. Without men of such grade, indeed, Mr. Lincoln could not have succeeded. His burdens, unshared by such shoulders, would have broken him down. He realized the demand and his necessities, and sought the right men.

If the next President is a republican he will have a task of magnitude, and can hope to perform it well only by surrounding himself, as Mr. Lincoln did, with the best men available. The better known they are for work done in high office the better for him, his party and the country. And it is to be assumed that no man to whom he applies for assistance will fail him. The President will have a right to expect every man to do his duty in that sphere of the political life to which it has pleased the President to call him.

The Session and the Program.

Probably no effort to arrange a program for the session will be made until after the President has addressed Congress. How far will the democrats be willing to leave matters to him?

Any amount of gossip is circulating. Some stories hint at a revolt against the President's further domination. The question is asked, Did the elections not warn Congress? Did they not, indeed, instruct Congress to sit up and take notice for itself?

Undoubtedly there is some discontent in democratic circles on this point. The new leadership has not pleased everybody. Here where a candidate for the Senate or the House was defeated; there where patronage has done mischief; and yonder where things are out of joint generally, there are rumormongers which may or may not cause commotion.

But no leader stands out in this gossip; and no revolt ever succeeded without a leader. Somebody must show the way, and direct operations. Nothing is more futile than a leaderless protest. Even a mob, to succeed, must have a leader.

In this case a strong man is necessary. For, whatever may be thought of the election results, the President is still a powerful factor in affairs. He still has patronage of value to distribute, and is still of the disposition to place it where it will do him the most good. And, moreover, he has 1915 in view.

Those numerals hedge him about. If he is broken down now or soon, his party breaks with him. As respects the next presidential race, he is the party. If it cannot re-elect him, its doom is sealed. There is no analogous man in it who could carry the standard if discredited to victory.

Disgruntled democrats of prominence and influence are likely to think twice, therefore, before making themselves ugly in the open toward the President.

They cannot injure him without injuring the party, and they cannot injure the party without injuring themselves. And the first law of nature holds good in politics.

It may be that the President of his own motion may decide not to drive as hard as the short as he did at the long session. An open revolt in Congress may not be necessary to bring him to reason and moderation, as his critics view the situation. He may have read the election returns in something of the same light his critics did. He may not need such a nudge as is suggested in the gossip of the day.

But the play is about to begin, and it will tell its own story. The house is full, and all are at attention.

Portugal wants permission to march troops to the front through Spain, which suggests that if Europe is going to continue to fight in the years to come a series of international military highways will be absolutely necessary to enable a state to remain neutral if it wants to do so.

American officials will be kept very busy if they try to censor the songs of the soldiers and sailors to keep them from expressing sentiments that may possibly have a bearing on the big fight.

Villa is probably not worrying about the multiplication of Mexico's provisional presidents so long as he has one of his own and an army to back him.

As far as known, Col. Roosevelt has not arranged for a private wire to keep him posted on the doings of the progressive meeting in Chicago tomorrow. He probably knows already what will happen.

Nearly every day brings word of the reopening of an industrial plant, which shows that General Prosperity is carrying important positions in his steady advance.

Petrograd persists in postponing the official declaration of a decisive victory in Poland in a manner that must be annoying to the optimists who had Germany's armies all destroyed.

The Associated Charities.

The balance sheet of Associated Charity work during the fiscal year ending September 30, as made public at the annual meeting last evening, shows a total of receipts of \$26,474.63, and disbursements of \$20,814.17. In other words, this most valuable organization, which so effectively manages the practical charity work of the District, spent \$158.53 more than it received. In one way this looks like bad news, but in another way it is a good sign, for it shows that the organization is using its funds to the limit of possibility. A surplus of charity money might indicate overvigilance and undergiving, and there is always the danger that money effectively here as in any other city, for the relief of the poor and for their guidance into ways of thrift.

ed the people in the matter of giving to the poor themselves in the way of more thrifty living.

It has had to contend against the impulsive tendency of the generous citizen to give to the casual applicant without investigation and without thought for the encouragement of thriftlessness which such haphazard giving entails.

At last night's meeting a note of warning was sounded that is being heeded. The people of Washington have been asked during the past four months to give to various charitable objects abroad, to relieve distress occasioned by the war. They have responded generously. They should not forget that there is a duty here at home to be discharged and that the local charities must be maintained first, in full measure. There is no reason to look for any material decrease in the local demands for charity this winter, and the Associated Charities should be kept sufficiently in funds during the next three or four months to enable it to meet all calls for help.

A Rochester man is suing a restaurant company for \$10,000 because he found a mouse in his soup. The jury may modify the damages on the ground that he found it in season.

New York political gossip has already arranged a break between Governor-elect Whitman and "Boss" Barrows, which will probably cause some agitation at Oyster Bay.

Forty-eight hunters were killed by mistake for deer in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan during the season just closed. And still foot ball is scored as America's most deadly sport.

Winston Churchill promises fifteen new dreadnaughts next year. Then perhaps the delayed rat catching will begin.

A Camden boy fired several shots in a schoolroom just to frighten the pupils. New Jersey evidently needs a pistol restriction law, too.

Local commuters confess that they are quite unable to do the sum that the railroads have set for them.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Getting Restless.

"You are not as conservative in your ideas as you used to be."

"No," replied Senator Sorghum, "I recognize that civilization must keep moving. Conservation is all right until it becomes organized indolence."

The War of the Salads.

"The causes of war are sometimes strangely trivial," remarked the student of history.

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "I know a once peaceful family that has lined up in factions over the question of whether it is proper to say 'to-matatoes' or 'to-may-toes.'"

Secluded Treasures.

The hen and pig avoid the crowd. And neither admiration begs. Yet they would be exceeding proud To know the price of ham and eggs.

Limitations.

"Don't you approve of these modern ideas of efficiency in business?"

"Well," replied Mr. Dustin Stax, as he got into an office coat, "I admire efficiency and system and all that, but I don't believe there's any way of making my work so easy that I can turn it over to somebody else while I go and play golf."

Preparations.

"Shall I put a little more brandy in the punch?" asked the host.

"No," replied the hostess. "Be content to leave it as a punch. Don't make it a knock-out."

Concealment.

Each one of us has dropped a tear in secret now and then. For things that never will appear Unto our fellow men.

The road you travel may seem rough And hope be far away, But still you throw a merry bluff And struggle to be gay.

For well you know that if you claim Of sympathy a share, You're due to quit the busy game And sink into despair.

None but the thoughtless will reveal Life's bitterness and guile. The wise endeavor to conceal The hurt beneath the smile.

So let us join to seek anew The passing thought that cheers, The rainbow gently gleaming through The mist of human tears.

Let's boldly lift the song again In light and careless tone. Our joys are for our fellowmen; Our sorrows are our own.

Motives for Enlistment.

From the Boston Transcript.

The London Times, commenting on the progress of recruiting for the army in the field, notes that stories of the gallantry of a regiment attract men to that unit. Volunteers ask to be assigned to it. Its gallantry may have been sealed in blood, but that fact makes little difference to the recruits. They want to serve in a "fighting regiment," one whose deeds have been given honorable mention in dispatches.

The desire of recruits to go where certainly danger, if probably glory, awaits them will not astonish Americans old enough to have personal recollections of the civil war. The dark hours for the Union cause were, so long as the volunteering impulse lasted, followed by popular demonstrations of an intention to fight the war to a finish. Rarely did the tidings that a particular regiment had suffered heavily fall to stir the locality in which it was raised to exertions to make good the gaps in its ranks.

As practically all our regiments were "volunteer," local pride and local sympathy were twin levers of recruitment. In many a town the news that "the company" had rolled up a long list of casualties stirred young men who hesitated to enlist to resort to the recruiting office all asking that they might be assigned to comradeship with their fellow-townsmen. Hence it was that a defeat did not have the effect that might have been expected, but on the contrary elicited response both in men and money to the Union's needs.

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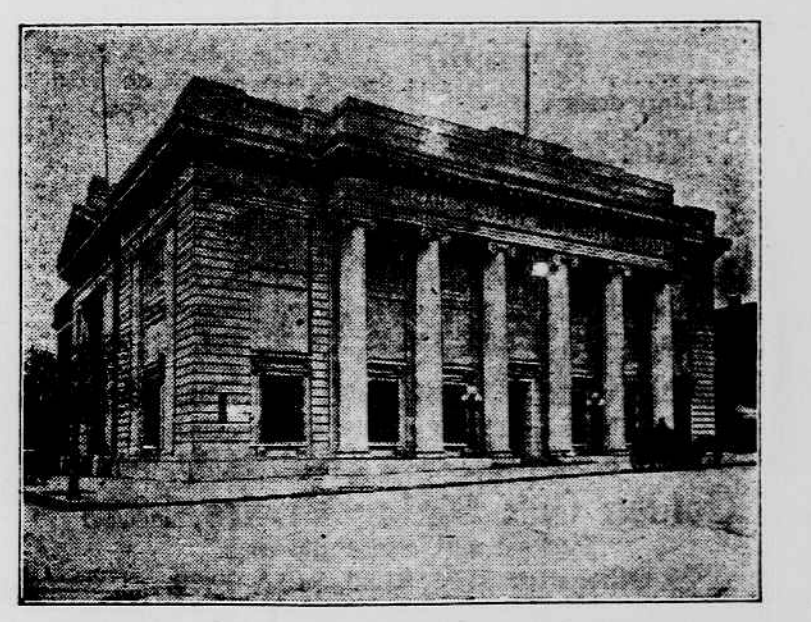
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